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es pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).) Filed 10/601,668 June 24, 2003 Application Number MICROBE CULTURE CONTAINING MICROBES HAVING DIFFERENT CHARACTERS LIVING IN SYMBOSIS WITH EACH OTHER AND METABOLITES THEREFROM, CARRIER AND ABSORBING MATERIAL CONTAINING THE ACTIVE INGREDIENTS OF THE CULTURE AND UTILIZATION THEREOF Art Unit 1651 Examiner L.B. LANKFORD, Jr. Confirmation No. 1577 This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application for three (3) month(s) from November 19, 2006 to January 19, 2007. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): <u>Fee</u> Small Entity Fee П One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$120 \$60 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$450 \$225  $\boxtimes$ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$1020 \$510 \$1020.00 \$1590 \$795 П Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$1080 Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$2160 П Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  $\boxtimes$ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any over payment, to Deposit  $\boxtimes$ Account No. 01-2300. Enclosed is a duplicate copy of this sheet. Warning: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. applicant/inventor I am the assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).  $\boxtimes$ attorney or agent of record. Registration No. 44,751. attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. П Registration Number is acting under 37 CFR 1.34 \_ Signature 01/22/2007 SZEWDIE1 00000145 012300 10601668 Typed or Dawn C. Russell

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